

b.) Amendments to the Claims

Sub A (Currently Amended) A water metachromatic laminate comprising:
~~a support and superposingly provided thereon with i) a porous resin layer which is formed of having a binder resin to which a low-refractive-index pigment stands fixed dispersedly, and is said porous resin layer being opaque in a water-unabsorbed state and capable of turning transparent in a water-absorbed state and ii) an opaque water-repellent resin layer so provided as to exist on or within the porous resin layer at its some area or areas in a co-existent state; , wherein~~

~~when no water is applied to said laminate, the entire laminate is opaque, and~~

~~when water is applied to said laminate, the porous resin layer being so made up that its area or areas not provided with the water repellent resin layer turn(s) transparent in a water absorbed state so that the both layers are visually distinguishable absorbs said water and turns transparent except at said portion bearing the water-repellant resin layer.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the porous resin layer and the water repellent resin layer comprises any ~~is an~~ image or images selected from the group consisting of a letter, a mark or sign; an Arabic or Roman numeral, a spot; ~~and~~ a line and ~~a~~ design.

3. (Original) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein a first colored layer is provided between the surface of the support and the porous resin layer.

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4. (Currently Amended) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein comprising a second colored layer is provided on the water repellent resin layer.

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5. (Currently Amended) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 4, wherein the second colored layer comprises any is an image or images selected from a group consisting of a letter, a mark or sign, an Arabic or Roman numeral, a spot; and a line and a design.

6. (Currently Amended) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein the low refractive index pigment comprises a fine particle silicic acid and the binder resin is selected from a urethane resins.

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7. (Original) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1 or 6, wherein the low refractive index pigment comprises a fine particle silicic acid produced by a wet process and is formulated in the porous resin layer in a proportion of from 1 to 30 g/m².

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8. (Currently Amended) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, wherein the support comprises is a cloth.

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9. (Currently Amended) The water metachromatic laminate according to claim 8, wherein the cloth has been made is water repellent.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a the water metachromatic laminate according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

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providing a porous resin layer on a support; and
printing, coating, spraying, writing or stamping thereafter applying
onto a portion of the porous resin layer a water repelling solution containing a water
repellent resin, by a printing, coating, spraying, writing or stamping means so as to make
adhere the water repelling solution adhere to the porous resin layer and penetrate thereinto;
and
followed by drying the solution to form said a water repellent resin
layer existing in the porous resin layer in a co-existent state.